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'All hands on deck'

Weather. Halifax councillor asking residents to lend a shovelling hand



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One councillor is urging residents to pick up their shovels to help clear Halifax sidewalks from the next batch of snow expected to fall on the winter-ravaged city.

Coun. Wayne Mason said with Environment Canada predicting yet another snowstorm — up to 30 centimetres is possible late Tuesday into Wednesday — now isn't the time to be debating the city's snow-clearing efforts.

"If we want people to be able to walk around our neighbourhoods, we're going to have to lend a hand," he said.

"No matter how we got here, when 30 more centimetres fall (Wednesday)

and we already have narrow streets in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth, if we don't shovel those sidewalks they aren't going to be passable."

Mason said he worries that the city is at the "tipping point" of a snow crisis similar to northern New Brunswick and Charlottetown, with snowbanks that top six feet, and — after Wednesday — could be seven feet tall.

"You do get to a point where Mother Nature overwhelms the ability of any city, no matter how well prepared, if you get too much snow."

He said with Wednesday's impending storm coming on the heels of a blizzard that already dumped as much as 35 centimetres of the white stuff on the city, mechanical equipment just won't cut it.

"We're getting 30 centimetres of snow and all politics and all decisions aside, I think it's going to be all hands on deck," Mason said.

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GOOD TIME GOING GREEN

Tristan Smith, centre, and Keith Eldridge, right, laugh as they share a pint on St. Patrick's Day at the Old Triangle on Tuesday. Bars in the city were packed as people took part in the annual Irish celebration. See story, page 4. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**



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Howe victim 'devastated' by having name released

Court. Woman reads statement at sentencing for man who breached publication ban by posting to Facebook



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It was her worst fear come true.

On Tuesday, a Dartmouth court listened as a lawyer for the Crown read a victim impact statement written by the woman who was sexually assaulted by Halifax defence lawyer Lyle Howe. Her name was revealed when one of Howe's supporters breached a publication ban.

Her statement was read at the sentencing of David Winslow Sparks, 62, who pleaded guilty to violating the ban.

According to an agreed statement of facts, Sparks penned a lengthy post in the Facebook group "Justice for Lyle Howe" on July 30, 2014, out of frustration that Howe had been sentenced to three years in prison.

In his post, he named the woman and described her relationship with Howe as consensual.

"The day I got the call that my name was posted for thousands of people to see, I was blindsided and completely devastated," the woman explained in the statement. She said she called her mother afterward, sobbing.

"How do you tell someone



David Winslow Sparks, right, and Lyle Howe speak at Sparks' sentencing hearing at provincial court in Dartmouth on Tuesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

that after such a traumatic experience, your absolute worst fear can come true?"

In her statement, the woman explained she is overwhelmed with anxiety, fear and anger over what happened.

"My name and my identity was mine," she stated. "It wasn't until I got the call telling me my name was posted online when I started questioning myself for coming forward."

Quoted

"People can't even begin to understand how private your identity is until that's the last thing you have of yourself." Victim impact statement

Near the end, she expressed heartbreak over how Sparks' decision may deter other sexual-assault victims from coming forward.

On Tuesday, the Crown recommended Sparks serve

between seven and 15 days in jail, plus an additional month of house arrest and a month of curfew once released.

Sparks' lawyer Laura McCarthy — who is also Howe's

wife — said jail time would be "excessive" and recommended a term of community service.

In his own statement, Sparks told the judge that he did not know the publication ban was still in effect once the trial had concluded.

"Ignorance is no excuse for one's actions," he said, adding that he "deeply regrets" his.

The judge pushed the decision back until March 30.



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Judge rejects bail for man accused of threatening police

Court. Accused in chemicals case wants to go straight to trial

A Halifax man accused of threatening police with a dangerous chemical had his application for bail rejected Tuesday after a judge ruled that his estranged wife can't ensure he will comply with conditions.

Judge Alanna Murphy rejected a bail application by Christopher Phillips, saying his wife Gosia is not an acceptable choice to be his surety.

"The guarantor is responsible for ensuring the accused complies with all conditions of release and ... is the eyes and ears of the court and is managing any risk," Murphy told provincial court.

"I would want to see a surety who had the ability to appropriately and effectively manage this role and Gosia Phillips is not such a person in this instance."

Gosia Phillips told the court last Friday she was offering to put up \$10,000 bail in order to have her husband released

At a glance

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor told the judge that Christopher Phillips wants to waive his preliminary hearing and go straight to trial on May 26 in Dartmouth provincial court.

- Murphy said moving the trial from Supreme Court to provincial court may require the Crown's consent and she set a hearing on that matter for March 25.

from custody.

She testified that even though they are separated and she has a legal agreement prohibiting him from entering her home, she was willing to act as his guarantor.

Murphy said she would still consider granting bail to Christopher Phillips, 42, if there were a different release plan and set of conditions in place.

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor said outside court he couldn't find anyone besides Gosia Phillips who could be

his client's surety.

"I'll continue to try, but I have no idea how likely it is," he said.

Christopher Phillips was arrested Jan. 21 at an Ottawa hotel and brought back to Halifax to face charges of uttering threats and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Police allege they found chemicals at a cottage and shed in the Halifax area that were in various states of degradation. The discovery prompted evacuations in Halifax and the Ottawa hotel where Phillips was arrested.

Outside court Tuesday, Taylor said an email Phillips sent to a friend in the United States that is the basis of the uttering threats charge is not enough to prove a threat was made against police.

"There's sarcastic, flippant things said in the email that fly in the face of any suggestion this was any kind of serious threat," Taylor said.

"He stated specifically he wasn't making a threat, he wouldn't do anything illegal and he doesn't wish harm to anyone." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Christopher Phillips, accused of threatening police with a dangerous chemical, arrives for his bail hearing at provincial court in Dartmouth on Tuesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man stabbed in face outside downtown library



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Police are investigating a stabbing outside the Halifax Central Library on Spring Garden Road.

Halifax Regional Police say the incident happened around 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, with a 35-year-old man being stabbed in the face.

Police say the suspect fled before officers arrived. "We don't believe this

was a random incident," said spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

"We don't know much," he then added. "We are getting limited co-operation from the victim."

Bourdages said the vic-

tim suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the stabbing, which took place near the library. He was taken to hospital by paramedics.

"We believe there was intent and contact with the face," Bourdages said of the

stabbing.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 20s, about six feet tall, 220 pounds with a shaved head. He was seen leaving the area wearing a red hat, grey T-shirt and jeans.

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Anyone with information about the stabbing is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers.



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Pam Mountan, left, takes a selfie with her friend Lauren Bowes at the Old Triangle on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Raising a glass to a good time

St. Patrick's Day.
Partygoers out in force
to celebrate in Halifax

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For Keith Eldridge, the alarm clock was set early — 4 a.m. to be precise.

The Dalhousie University student said he wanted to be ready to party once the Old Triangle Irish Ale House opened its doors on Tuesday at 7 a.m.

"If we got up at 6 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day, that would normally be considered getting up late," Eldridge said, laughing, as he and his friends partied with dozens of other green and boisterous patrons at the popular downtown establishment.

"We love the Triangle. They gave us all these green shirts and hats here. They even painted our faces for free. We won't leave for the

sole reason that I don't think we will be able to get in anywhere else."

Nearby, Andrea (who didn't give her last name) and her friends were dressed up from head-to-toe in green and drinking merrily in what is now an annual St. Paddy's Day tradition for them.

"We will stay at this bar till we die, or at least till they kick us out," she joked.

At Durty Nelly's Authentic Irish Pub on Argyle Street, Nancy MacLeod and her friends drank beer while listening to live Celtic music.

"We got here at 10 a.m. and we got a table, so we won't be leaving any time soon," said MacLeod, one of several dozen people inside around noontime.

"We love Durty Nelly's for their food, beer, the music and the older crowd. Definitely for the older crowd."

MacLeod and her friends planned on partying till the wee hours of the morning. It's safe to assume they weren't alone.



Irish pubs, like Durty Nelly's pictured above, were packed for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. Inset: Coun. Matt Whitman shows off his Celtic spirit at the Old Triangle on Tuesday.

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Heard around the bar

"I am not even a little Irish but I still love St. Paddy's Day."

Tristan Smith

"They gave us Irish beards, and we kind of look like Irish Che Guevara."

Nick LeGassie

"My sister and I are getting the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and we don't want to leave the Triangle until we absolutely have to."

Lyndsay Colburn

"The weather didn't stop us from getting to the Old Triangle, and the day is only going to get better."

Brittany Colburn

"We are not dressed up; we look this green every day."

Shannon Bell

"We have a tickle trunk full of Irish costumes and goodies we have collected just to wear on St. Patrick's Day."

Evelyn (didn't give last name)

"We'll stay at Durty Nelly's all day and night because people are going to line up around the block."

Sula White

"There really isn't a better day to raise money for our Irish dance school's trip to New York."

Heather Wayne



All in a day's work

Workers assemble a tower crane at the site of the old Roy Building on Tuesday. Granville Street has been closed to traffic during the past few days while the crane is erected. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Last year, the airport also ranked No. 3 in the Skytrax World Airport Awards for best airport of its size (under five million people).

service,” said Joyce Carter, Halifax International Airport president and CEO, in a statement.

The Skytrax awards are known as the “Passenger’s Choice Awards” in the travel industry and are based on the evaluation of passengers from 112 different countries.

It is the largest annual survey on passenger satisfaction and covers more than 550 airports worldwide.

Carter said in the release that the survey takes into consideration every aspect of the airport — from the tenants at the shops to the airlines themselves.

“We should all take great pride in our airport and the recognition we continue to receive on an international level,” she said.

City urging residents to stay home in anticipation of coming storm

The city is asking residents to stay home — if they can — for the next few days to give winter crews a chance to clean up from Wednesday’s impending storm.

According to a release issued Tuesday, the city says crews are out in full force trying to clear sidewalks and streets from Sunday’s blizzard

and are now facing “serious challenges,” with Environment Canada predicting an additional 30 centimetres by Wednesday evening.

The city is asking people to postpone all non-essential travel and warns of deteriorating road conditions and reduced visibility.

Based on current forecasts,

they also anticipate it will be at least a week before sidewalk and road conditions improve.

In a release Tuesday evening, the city announced it had decided to temporarily suspend both Halifax Transit bus and ferry service on Wednesday until at least 10 a.m. due to the pending storm.

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Parking ban

As expected, the overnight winter parking ban was put into effect again for Wednesday and will likely stay in place for at least the next few days.

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Sackville sisters doing it for themselves, and for 'uncle'

Restaurant. New eatery Uncle's Café & Deli was named in honour of brother, long-time cabbie Derek



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Two Lower Sackville sisters know just what would happen if their brother, Derek Bezanson, walked through the door of their café.

Tami Cleveland and Nikki Bezanson, co-owner's of Uncle's Café & Deli on Sackville Drive, opened the restaurant in late February and named it in memory of their 49-year-old brother Derek, who died three years ago.

"He was very fond of our cooking," Bezanson said with a smile at Cleveland as the

two took a break to sit at a table Tuesday afternoon.

Cleveland said Derek drove a cab in Sackville for over 30 years, and his nickname started when her and Bezanson's children kept calling him "uncle," and it caught on to other friends and family members.

Pictures of big yellow taxis line one wall, while the tables showcase pieces of Derek's life — like an ad for the Sackville Downs, his first job — and his old Satellite Taxi roof light sits atop a cooler.

Some time after Derek died of a heart condition, Cleveland said the sisters catered a wedding and realized their shared love of cooking could translate into something professional when everything was a hit.

"(It) was just homemade food that we raised our kids on and thought, 'Let's just do this,'" Cleveland said.



Sisters Nikki Bezanson, left, and Tami Cleveland at their new restaurant Uncle's Café and Deli in Lower Sackville.

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Although they originally planned to run a brown-bag lunch service, Cleveland said their enthusiasm spiraled "out of control" and the idea

of a café was born last spring. Five months and lots of cleaning, ceiling fixing and painting later, the duo opened the deli where Cleve-

land said a former pizza place had stood vacant for years.

There has been great feedback from customers so far, Cleveland said, but it feels

Quoted

"He loved the people, he loved being a Sackville person."

Tami Cleveland on her late brother Derek Bezanson.

good to know how happy Derek and their father, who died three months after him, would be seeing the café.

On Monday, Cleveland said she was behind the counter when she saw Bezanson crying and comforted her, but couldn't figure out what had happened.

"I'm a tough girl, I don't cry," Bezanson said with a smile.

"(Bezanson) said 'I just imagined Derek walking through the door ... and being so proud — and want something to eat of course,'" Cleveland explained.

Possible tuition hike for Dalhousie students

Dalhousie University students could be paying more tuition next fall.

Released nearly two weeks ago, the draft budget from the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) proposes to increase expenditures by \$13.5 million, the largest chunk set aside for compensation increases at \$9.9 million.

The BAC is recommending a tuition increase of three per cent for all programs (besides master's of

Approval date

The budget goes to the Board of Governors for approval in April, and students are encouraged to give feedback through sessions at the Sexton Campus on Wednesday.

occupational therapy and physiotherapy which sit at 2006-07 levels) that should

generate \$4.5 million.

A letter from the university to students noted the province has capped tuition increases at three per cent per year since 2005, and the hike is assuming this limit will continue.

A 2.5 per cent reduction to faculty, and two per cent cut to service units is also recommended "to cover the gap of \$5.8 million between revenues and expenditures," the letter said.

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Cape Breton

Unionized daycare workers strike after conciliation bid fails

Unionized workers at a Cape Breton daycare are on strike.

Lana Payne, Atlantic regional director for Unifor, says 15 staff at Town Daycare in Glace Bay are on the picket line today following an unsuccessful conciliation

process.

Payne says the workers, who are members of Unifor Local 4600, were offered a new collective agreement with no wage increases after years of low pay increases.

She says strike action was their last resort.

The union says 84 children are cared for at the government funded daycare, some of whom have special needs.

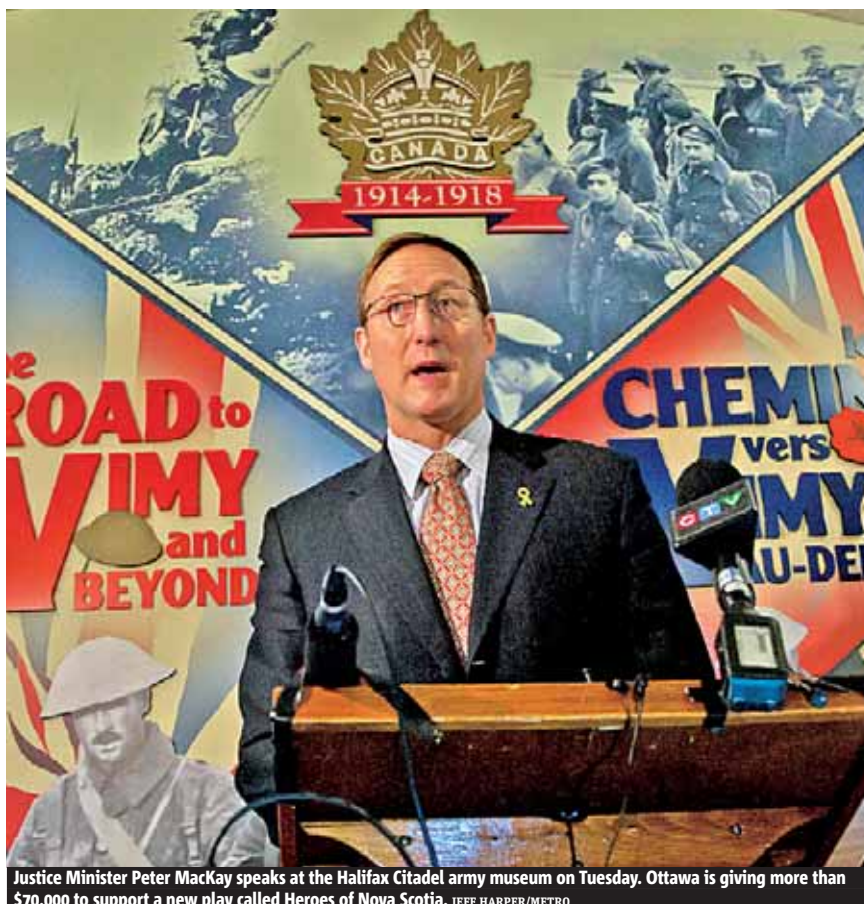
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Cabot Strait

Atlantic ferry stuck in heavy ice

Marine Atlantic said one of its ferries was stuck in pack ice off Cape Breton on Tuesday. Company spokesman Darrell Mercer said the MV Highlanders encountered heavy ice on Monday, after leaving North Sydney for Port aux Basques, N.L. Mercer said the ferry has 190 passengers on board.

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Justice Minister Peter MacKay speaks at the Halifax Citadel army museum on Tuesday. Ottawa is giving more than \$70,000 to support a new play called Heroes of Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Feds backing new Neptune production

Military. Thousands of dollars to fund play about First World War

The federal government has announced it will be giving more than \$70,000 to Neptune Theatre for a production about the First World War called Heroes of Nova Scotia.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay made the announcement Tuesday inside the Halifax Citadel army museum and said the play will inspire youth to remember the thousands of young men and women who left Nova Scotia to go to Europe and fight in the war.

"This is a city with a storied military past and present," MacKay said.

The play is about Garret, a new recruit to the 85th Highlanders who is joining the war effort in Belgium, and Victoria, a young woman from Britain who is fleeing Europe as part

Last Post

Ottawa also announced it is giving almost \$60,000 to the Nova Scotia International Tattoo to train 15 cadets to play the Last Post in commemoration of the 30,000th playing of the composition at Menin Gate this year.

- The Last Post has been played every day for the last 87 years at Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium, at precisely 8 p.m. The gate itself contains the name of 50,000 soldiers whose bodies were never found.
- Each night from June 30 to July 9, the 15 cadets will perform the Last Post at Grand Parade.

It will be performed across schools in Nova Scotia in 2016 and work is currently underway to bring about other performances.

MacKay said he sees a renewed interest in young people to know more about the First and Second World Wars and is confident the school tour will benefit the students greatly.

MacKay also cited Neptune Theatre as being one of the oldest theatres in Canada.

"It traces its roots back to 1962, before many of us were born," he said eliciting chuckles from the reporters on hand.

Rob Batherson, the president of the Neptune Theatre Foundation, was also on hand for the announcement, and said he appreciated the government's faith in the downtown theatre company.

The total amount the federal government is giving Neptune for the production is \$70,922.

"It's really an investment in community," Batherson said.

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Bushey's wife heard a suspicious noise and jostled her husband awake sometime around 5:30 a.m.

"I sat up, listened and then I heard what appeared to me at the time to be someone pulling the card table or the pool table across the cer-

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"If everything goes well, he and I will probably retire together."

Sgt. Rick Bushey

Details

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amic floor," said Bushey.

He might not have thought anything of it if the noise stopped, but then Ammo started to growl and bark.

"I knew something was wrong and I actually was thinking someone was breaking in," said Bushey.

He ran downstairs and tried to flick on the lights, but nothing happened.

He grabbed a flashlight and spotted some smoke trickling out of the doors to the electrical panel box.

"When I opened up the box, the fire was right there."

The couple were able to get all three of their animals — Ammo, as well as a retired police dog now living with them as a pet, and a husky — out of the house.

Local firefighters quickly arrived on the scene.

"We're really lucky because if he hadn't been in there I wouldn't have probably paid a whole lot of attention to it," said Bushey.

Ammo spent a year with Bushey before the pair travelled to the Calgary area to complete courses at the RC-



Even RCMP dog handler Sgt. Rick Bushey is often amazed by the abilities of his partner on the job, Ammo. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

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nearly six months training at the facility, but Bushey and Ammo completed the necessary work in 40 days.

"If everything goes well, he and I will probably retire together," said Bushey, who has always kept his retired

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"He's watched my back too much. I couldn't let him go." KING'S COUNTY REGISTER



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Pileup biggest accident fire chief has ever seen

Fire Chief Harold Williamson said a 14-vehicle pileup in River Ryan during a massive blizzard in Cape Breton on Sunday was the biggest accident he has seen in his 45 years with the department.

"I've never seen anything like that in my life," he said.

"You see things like that on television, but I've never seen a pileup like that — not around here. The most I've ever seen has been three or four vehicles."

Members of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service, the Scotchtown Volunteer Fire Department and

Numbers

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A total of six people were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

EHS were responding to the pileup near Ocean Fuels on Union Highway on Sunday around 3 p.m.

Williamson said 14 firefighters were on scene in a matter of minutes.

"We ran into a pile of cars by the bridge — they were all smashed into each other," he said.

Williamson said every car was checked and anyone in their vehicle was taken out and put in the fire trucks and rescue units. There were 18 to 22 people, including two babies.

"A firefighter went with them to make sure they'd be all right because the conditions were unreal — the wind cut right through your face."

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation was contacted and a plow led the way for the ambulance to go from the fire station to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. CAPE BRETON POST

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The droning of a new era



Technology. Business applications for drones used to be strictly militaristic, but now the sky really is the limit



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Eight years ago, Dave Kroetsch couldn't find a buyer for his drones. The CEO and president of Waterloo, Ont.-based Aeryon Labs went door-to-door, pitching to police officers, power inspection companies, surveyors and more, but no one had any idea how drones could help their business.

"When we started this in 2007, no one even knew what a drone was," Kroetsch says. Drones had been used by the military, and some universities were doing experiments, but the average person hadn't heard of the new technology.

Fast forward to 2015, and drones are becoming an inevitable part of our lives. In recent years, as the technology has developed and prices have dropped, drones have become far more commonplace and are as varied as the applications they're used for — from toy drones for hobbyists to commercial drones used in farming.

Aeryon's heavy-duty drones are now deployed for industrial use. They have military applications, such as tactical awareness and surveillance, but are also used in public-safety initiatives, such as fire management, crowd control and search-and-rescue missions. That's in addition to their large-scale commercial applications, including pipeline monitoring and precision agriculture.

Prices drop, drones rise:

Stewart Baillie, chairman of Unmanned Systems Canada (USC), a non-profit promoting the drone industry, says interest in drones has increased in the past decade, partly due to increasing affordability. Twelve years ago, Baillie says, people were talking about drones for purely military purposes.

"The technology was very expensive and very difficult to use," he says, noting the regulations at the time were also difficult to navigate.

Battery, camera and GPS technology, as well as the smartphone revolution, "have come together at a great time," Kroetsch says. A simple Phantom toy drone from Dajiang Innovations (DJI) costs around \$1,000. A Parrot drone, used primarily for recreational purposes, retails for about half of that.

Transport Canada is also helping commercial drones get in the air. To keep the skies safe, it's working to ensure drone operators steer clear of commercial airplanes. To this end, Transport Canada authorities have differentiated between model aircraft, which don't need to be regulated, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or commercial drones.

A model aircraft is characterized as being under 35 kilograms and used solely for hobby purposes. To fly commercially, operators must apply for a Special Flight Operation Certificate (SFOC), detailing their safety and security plans, and have their drone insured.

In 2010, Transport Canada established a UAV Working Group to create rules ensuring operators are trained and that the drones meet safety standards. The same year, the agency issued just 66 SFOCs to individuals or businesses seeking to operate drones commercially. As of Sept. 15 of last year, Transport Canada had issued 1,020 such certificates.

Pies in the sky no more:

When it comes to uses for commercial drones today, the sky really is the limit. Retail giants such as Amazon are seeking approval in the U.S. to initiate outdoor research into drone delivery systems. Amazon's program, Prime Air, has an ambitious goal: getting a package into customers' hands via drone in 30 minutes or less.

Amazon is confident about it, too. The company declares on its website: "One day, seeing Prime Air vehicles will be as normal as seeing mail trucks on the road."

From dance duty to crop watch

Canadian businesses from across the country are getting creative with this technology



Surveying the lay of the land

Accuas Inc, a Salmon Arm, B.C., land-surveying company, is an early adopter, putting drones to use since 2007 to conduct aerial surveys and map terrain. The company uses drones in a number of industries in which land surveying is necessary but difficult, including agriculture, oil-and-gas and waste management.



All part of the performance

In a recent Cirque du soleil performance entitled Sparked, a repairman's lamps come to life and enter a majestic dance with him. The lamps are, in fact, computer-programmed drones. "We thought it was very interesting to divert this object and bring poetry, magic, whimsy to it," said Welby Altidor, who was Cirque du soleil's project lead in creating Sparked. But the real magic came from the drones' computer programming, which synchronized all the movements, allowing for a fluid and harmonious flight.



And the award for best cinematography goes to ...

Kaspi Films, a small company based in the Greater Toronto Area, offers professional cinematography and photography services using drones. Among its projects, Kaspi has used drones for aerial photography of the Niagara Falls region and aerial video for a KFC commercial.



Spying on future fries

McCain Foods has a drone equipped with cameras that capture a bird's-eye view of their potato crops in New Brunswick. In a joint project with Resson Aerospace, McCain operates the drone above its fields, and Resson takes the data and analyzes it to improve efficiency and assess crop health. The 2014 season was their second using a drone.

NDP leader blasts PM's gun remark

Rural-urban divide. Harper calls guns 'a tool' used by people who live far from local police station

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has called Prime Minister Stephen Harper irresponsible for encouraging people to arm themselves if they live too far from a police station.

Mulcair was referring to comments Harper recently made in Saskatoon where he was questioned at a meeting of rural municipal leaders about the government's priorities in dealing with firearms.

"It's a tool that many people use in their lives, obviously in their livelihoods," the prime minister told the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

"My wife's from a rural area. Gun ownership wasn't just for the farm, it was also

for a certain level of security when you're a ways away from police, immediate police assistance.

"But also it's something people use for recreation and the vast, vast majority do so safely and, as you know, in many parts of the country, (it's) an important business."

In Montreal on Tuesday, Mulcair accused Harper of "using the firearms dossier to divide Canadians."

"This time it's an attempt to divide the rural world from the world that lives in cities," he said.

The NDP leader added he was "quite astonished" to hear the prime minister tell people to use their own weapons to protect themselves.

Harper made his comments while being questioned about the government's plans after dismantling what the moderator called "the ineffective and wasteful long-gun registry."

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Firefighters camp out for a sole-full cause

Winnipeg firefighter Mike Lisowick holds up a boot that will be lowered from the roof of a fire hall to collect donations for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Lisowick and three other firefighters, who are taking part in the annual Firefighter Rooftop Campout, will live on the Osborne Village roof until Friday for the fundraising campaign. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Income splitting

Tax plan not seen as replacing jobs

The parliamentary budget office has found that the Conservative government's new income-splitting tax plan may encourage some low-wage workers, especially women, to leave the workforce. But women across the country said the tax implication is not great enough to make up for a year's salary.

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Gender inequality

Blog exposes restaurant sexism

Four women's studies students from the University of Alberta have created a blog asking for stories of sexism that is exposing the shameful underbelly of the food industry.

One story details how a manager in training at a restaurant chain was instructed not to hire any female staff he would not sleep with. STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO IN EDMONTON

Bail application

Canada can't free Khadr, feds argue

Canadian courts have no authority to grant Omar Khadr bail while he appeals his war-crimes conviction in the United States but should refuse to release him in any case, the federal government argues in a new legal brief. His bail application is to be heard March 24 and 25 in Edmonton.

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Sexist joke

Pub says sorry for sandwich board

An Ottawa pub has apologized following a social-media storm over a sexist sandwich-board joke. Local Public Eatery posted the sign: "Q: How many men does it take to open a Budweiser? A: None. The women should already have it open on the table." On Monday night, the restaurant tweeted: "What was written was not funny or tasteful."

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Niqab. Tory MP forced to apologize for comments

Ontario Tory MP Larry Miller has been forced to apologize after suggesting that those who wish to wear a niqab while swearing the oath of citizenship ought to "stay the hell where you came from."

Miller made the comments on a radio call-in show Monday, saying he was baffled as to why the Federal Court overturned a ban on the wearing of niqabs during citizenship ceremonies.

"If you're not willing to show your face in the ceremony that you're joining the

best country in the world, then frankly if you don't like that or don't want to do that, stay the hell where you came from," Miller said.

A spokesman for the prime minister's office Tuesday said Miller's remarks were inappropriate.

"What the prime minister has stated is that we believe it is offensive that someone would cover their face at the very moment they want to join the Canadian family," Carl Vallee said in an email.

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The prime minister's office has forced Tory MP Larry Miller to apologize for remarks on niqabs at citizenship ceremonies. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

C-51. Bill may have ended student uprising: Leader

Legislation such as Ottawa's proposed anti-terror bill would probably have put a quick end to Quebec's student uprising in 2012, says one of the movement's former leaders.

"From the moment people are suspected of terrorism or incitement to terrorism, the impact on the morale of people who are mobilizing is undeniable," Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois said.

"In my opinion, it (Bill C-51) certainly could have had a serious impact in 2012."

Nadeau-Dubois, a former standard-bearer of the student movement as a co-spokesman for CLASSE, is adding his voice to those concerned with the extent of the powers that would be granted to intelligence agencies and police under the Conservatives' wide-ranging anti-terror bill.

Several organizations, including a civil liberties group and a Quebec-based branch of Amnesty International, will denounce the legislation at a news conference in Montreal on Thursday.

Severity

Ex-student leader Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois says Bill C-51 would have impacted Quebec's student protests in 2012.

- There were nightly demonstrations and tense standoffs between students and police.
- "If provisions such as those contained in Bill C-51 had been in effect at the time, I think we could have witnessed more serious incidents," Nadeau-Dubois said.

Aboriginal leaders, environmentalists and human rights advocates said in Ottawa last week the bill would infringe on the right to freedom of expression and political dissent.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney has called the criticism "completely false and frankly ridiculous."

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Prosecutor sends officer, rioters to trial

Cairo. Death of a 32-year-old mother, stadium riot behind new court referrals

Egypt's chief prosecutor on Tuesday referred a police officer to trial for the killing of a female protester during a peaceful demonstration in a case that has captured public attention largely because it was so thoroughly documented.

The death of 32-year-old Shaimaa el-Sabbagh, a mother of a young boy, in January on the eve of the 2011 uprising's anniversary caused an intense public outcry. Despite widely circulated footage that showed two masked, black-clad policemen pointing their rifles in el-Sabbagh's direction as gunshots rang out and a voice commanded "fire," authorities initially denied that police had any involvement in her death.

Barely two weeks later, at least 22 soccer fans were crushed to death outside a stadium in Cairo after police fired tear gas to break up the crowd waiting in a narrow corridor to enter. Police accused the fans of attacking the force, and rioting.

The office of chief prosecutor Hisham Barakat said in a

Soccer riot

On Tuesday the chief prosecutor general referred 16 of the 22 soccer fans to trial

- **Brotherhood ties.** The fans are alleged to belong to the Muslim Brotherhood, and are thought to have accepted money to plot and execute the riot.

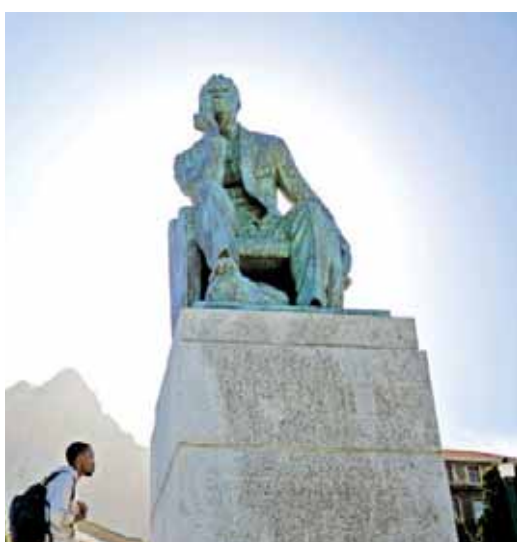
statement that it was acting as an "honest broker" in the highly emotional cases.

Authorities have increased the crackdown on dissent following the military ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in 2013, accusing his supporters of being behind the violence that has gripped Egypt.

In a third case, the chief prosecutor closed the debate over the death of a young activist who disappeared following a 2013 protest in Tahrir square, only to surface days later in a hospital in a coma.

Barakat ruled out previous accounts that Mohammed el-Gindy died from torture while held in a security camp, referring a witness to the account to trial for "spreading false news that endangers public interest."

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Students want statue removed

Students walk past a statue of British colonialist Cecil John Rhodes at the University of Cape Town near the city centre of Cape Town, South Africa on Tuesday. Last week, student protesters from the school tossed excrement at it, arguing the monument is a tribute to the white domination of the past. Students have organized a social media campaign called Rhodes must fall. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brazil

Police defuse four prison rebellions

Police have quelled uprisings at four prisons in Brazil's state of Rio Grande do Norte, a law enforcement official said Tuesday. The Justice Secretariat believes the rebellions were co-ordinated by those belonging to an organized crime group. No deaths or injuries were reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capital punishment

Pakistan executes 12 criminals

Pakistani officials on Tuesday executed 12 people in the country's single-largest day of executions since a moratorium on the death penalty was lifted in December, officials said. The executions are sure to raise concerns over due process and from human rights groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

End of life

France approves bill to keep very ill patients sedated

France's lower house of Parliament approved a bill Tuesday that allows doctors to keep terminally ill patients sedated until death. The measure passed by a vote of 436 to 34. The bill now moves to the Senate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State

Police investigate fraternity over nude images

A fraternity at Penn State University has been suspended as police investigate allegations that members used a secret Facebook page to post photos of nude women, some of whom appear sleeping or passed out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Let's get to work

Airbnb. Warren Buffett fans have shot at suite deal

Some fortunate Berkshire Hathaway investors at this year's annual meeting will get the chance to sleep in the same bedroom Warren Buffett did as a boy.

The home-sharing service Airbnb is offering a free three-night stay at the Omaha home around the May 2 meeting as a way to promote its services. Shareholders who want to stay at the three-bedroom house must submit short essays and prove they own Berkshire stock.

The crowd that fills Omaha's downtown arena and several overflow rooms to listen to Buffett always books every room in the

region. Buffett's childhood home is about 15 minutes away from the arena.

Buffett's family started living in the home at 2501 N. 53rd Street in central Omaha in 1936. Buffett lived there with his parents and two sisters for several years before his father was first elected to Congress in 1942.

Buffett launched one of his first business ventures selling bottles of Coke to neighbours for a nickel after buying a six-pack for 25 cents, and he bought his first stock in 1942 while living there. Buffett's mother continued to live in the home until about 1966.

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Rivals sue Keurig, claiming unfair bid to shut them out

Competition.
Upgraded coffeemaker from industry leader designed to reject pods made by rivals

The environmental battle over coffee giant Keurig Green Mountain's \$5-billion-a-year plastic pods is heating up after the single-serve coffee leader introduced a new coffeemaker that rejects pods made by rivals. More than a dozen manufacturers and other businesses are suing over what they claim is Keurig's unfair efforts to shut out rival pods.

Consumers complained about having to use only Keurig-affiliated brands, and environmentalists fumed about the steady stream of plastic pods to U.S. landfills.

Keurig has pledged to come up with a fully recyclable pod of its own by 2020.

One reason Keurig is

locked into plastic right now is that nothing else seems to keep the coffee inside the pods fresh like it does, said Monique Oxender, the company's chief sustainability officer. Keurig is seeking more environmentally friendly materials, she said.

Jon Rogers of California-based Rogers Family Coffee, whose soy and corn byproduct-based pods are among those the new Keurig machine is engineered to reject, isn't waiting for the lawsuits to work their way through the courts. His family-run business recently produced a small black gizmo it calls the Freedom Clip, which they say lets consumers rig a Keurig 2.0 coffee machine so it accepts rival brands. Rogers mails them for free.

Rogers is also about to start distribution of biodegradable coffee pods marked with special ink that he says will fool the lock-out mechanism on the Keurig 2.0.

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Single-serve coffee pods move along a conveyor belt in Lincoln, Calif., for packaging at the Rogers Family Company, one of more than a dozen businesses suing Keurig over what they claim are unfair efforts to shut out competing single-serve coffee rivals. RICH PEDRONCELLI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giant software maker opens public café in Silicon Valley

Silicon Valley has no shortage of coffee shops where sleep-starved programmers and eager entrepreneurs sit hunched over laptop computers and talk about ideas for the next Google or Facebook. Now, a giant tech company is opening its own café for the same clientele.

German software maker SAP is hoping to draw a walk-in crowd of techies — and perhaps raise its own Silicon Valley profile — by selling high-end coffee with a side

of free Wi-Fi and programming advice. The café opens this week inside a former cinema in downtown Palo Alto, not far from a slew of tech startups, Stanford University and the headquarters of Facebook, Hewlett-Packard and several venture capital firms that invest in new companies.

While many companies operate employee cafés, most aren't open to the public. SAP, which sells software to big corporations, said patrons at the new HanaHaus cafe won't

necessarily be SAP employees or SAP's usual customers.

SAP is partnering with gourmet coffee retailer Blue Bottle to sell refreshments.

SAP's Sanjay Shirole says the café will offer an auditorium and rentable work space for groups or individuals who want to reserve seats for an extended time. He's also promising a desk where SAP engineers and independent consultants will offer free advice on software design.

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Clothing

Canada Goose claims challenged

Animal Justice has filed a complaint with the Competition Bureau alleging Canada Goose makes "false and misleading" claims in marketing its popular winter jackets.

The group says there is no evidence that coyote fur around the jacket's hood is warmer than fake fur, nor that coyotes are killed humanely.

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Video games

Nintendo forms alliance with DeNA

After years of scoffing at the threat from smartphones, Nintendo Co. is entering into an alliance with Japanese mobile game company DeNA Co. to develop games for mobile devices. This means Nintendo's trademark game franchises such as Super Mario and Pokémon could finally feature on smartphones and tablets.

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Internet regulations

U.S. lawmakers question FCC chief

A decision to impose tough new regulations on Internet service providers wasn't influenced by the White House, Tom Wheeler, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, told the House. Lawmakers are weighing in on the "net neutrality" debate that has pitted Internet activists against cable companies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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VOICES

WHY DO WE DYE?

While we probably evolved to be attracted to colourful foods, some of the artificial tints in the products we buy might be harming our health



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We love our colourful food. And for good reason.

Our primate ancestors are thought to have evolved to see reds because it helped them identify the nutritious red-tinged fruits and foliage in their environment.

Today, however, colour dyes play on our evolved desires — often to our detriment. A pack of red licorice has all of the brilliance and none of the nutrition, aside from the sugar, of a pomegranate or a raspberry.

St. Patrick's Day saw drinks, food and even bodies of water dyed green. How much green beer did you drink last night?

Why are we still dyeing our products when there seems to be an increasing dislike of dye and fake colouring, particularly among Millennials? Dyes in foods and other products are often unhealthy and usually unnecessary, and we need to put pressure on companies to approach dyeing with a more critical eye and consider halting the practice altogether.

People have loved colouring their food and possessions throughout history, says Darren Dahl, professor of marketing at UBC's Sauder School of Business, who specializes in consumer behaviour.

"Colour can impact emotions, so it's a critical issue for companies to think about when they design their products," Dahl says. Many companies even hire colour consultants to keep them on trend.

Every time I buy dairy products, I



Much of the food and drink we ingest is dyed with artificial colouring. And while some dyes are innocuous, others, such as Red 3 used in glacé cherries, have been shown to cause cancer in animals. ALL PHOTOS: ISTOCK

have to spend a long time sorting through artificially orange cheese and yellow butter to find undyed versions, and they're often more expensive. I doubt most shoppers are aware how many of their foods contain dye.

For some products, the tides are turning. In response to a petition in 2013, Kraft started offering a naturally coloured version of its iconic bright-orange macaroni and cheese. Hawkins Cheezies should take note.

Children's products have also grabbed the spotlight, generating demand for dye-free baby products,

such as baby Tylenol. Other dyed products, such as butter, go largely unnoticed.

Ignorance seems to be bliss. People much preferred dyed to undyed cheese snacks, according to one Cornell University study.

"People ranked the taste as bland and said that they weren't much fun to eat," said Brian Wansink, a professor at Cornell University and director of the school's Food and Brand Lab.

It's hard to say whether this reaction came about because the study participants were already intimately famil-

iar with dyed cheese puffs. To them, bright orange might have seemed more "natural" because that's what they were familiar with.

While Millennials and other demographics are increasingly buying products with more natural and organic-looking colours, they're still not the majority, says Dahl.

"There are a lot of people that just don't care," he says.

Evidence has been mounting that many common dyes in foods and other products are unhealthy — some outright poisonous.

Many studies have shown that Red 3, used in glacé cherries, causes cancer in animals. One 1997 study showed that it damaged the DNA in human breast cells. Numerous studies on microbes and rodents have shown that their DNA is damaged when exposed to Yellow 5, a ubiquitous dye used in original Kraft Dinner. Both pigments are permitted in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

In January, a Consumer Reports study suggested the high levels of caramel colouring in some soft drinks was carcinogenic.

Dyes have been shown to cause behavioural changes, too. Seven years ago, the Center for Science in the Public Interest unsuccessfully petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban artificial food dyes because of their connection to behavioural problems in children, including ADHD.

Not all dyes are created equal, however. They're a rainbow of different compounds, some of which are totally innocuous. Not every dye causes cancer. Still, it's worth stopping to question why we eat dyes, use them in our clothes, cars and packaging and dump them into our environment. Do you need dye in your life?

If Canadians vote with their wallets, product makers will listen.

Companies will stop producing dyed products if society demands it, says Dahl: "If people aren't going to buy the products with the dyes, they will stop making them."

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Inclusive condos good, inclusive neighbourhoods better



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Something pretty amazing in the world of social outreach happened in Toronto last week, and it's caught the attention of homeless advocates across the country. A 106-bed shelter for women and children was slated to close at the end of March, but a developer stepped in and offered space in a boutique condo in a trendy neighbourhood.

The news was celebrated around the city, especially in the community of Leslieville, where 50,000 people signed a petition demanding the shel-

ter stay open.

This is great news on the surface and something all Canadian cities can learn from, says DJ Larkin, a lawyer with Vancouver rights group Pivot Legal Society. It proves that gentrification doesn't necessarily need to come at the expense of marginalized people.

But she says planners need to make sure mixed-income neighbourhoods still offer other affordable services for low-income residents, or else those residents will be pushed out regardless.

"It's not that development in itself is a bad thing," Larkin says.

"But trying to create these neigh-

bourhoods out of nothing, that are forced mix, can be problematic."

What she's talking about is the continued need for places like laundromats, drop-in centres, affordable grocery stores and supportive housing — establishments that historically disappear as neighbourhoods gentrify and begin attracting high-end businesses.

"Even if there's low-income housing and shelters, there are less services that people can access and afford," Larkin says. "You may have a roof over your head but you can't do your laundry, you can't buy the food in your neighbourhood, food banks may start disappearing."

Her case-in-point is Vancouver's Woodward's project — a massive development in the Downtown Eastside that mixes high- and low-income residences.

While it has become a new model for providing social housing in an up-scale development, it has also helped push out affordable shops and usher in a new wave of expensive stores.

Larkin says it's encouraging to know that residents of Leslieville rallied behind the shelter and support having low-income residents in their neighbourhood. But she worries that residents haven't considered all the implications of living in a mixed-income neighbourhood, and that to be

truly inclusive, they need to advocate for all of the services that low-income residents need.

"Development is necessary, and we know it's going to happen," Larkin says. "It's a good thing ... to have community members with higher incomes advocate for (low-income residents). That's a really good starting place."

But her kudos comes with a caution: before municipalities take on more projects like this, let's do some research into how these developments affect the people we mean to help.

Kristen Thompson is a national editor with Metro News.



SCENE 2

Big Brother is here

Third season. A jock, a plus-sized model, a self-appointed villain and a comedy writer vie for reality TV glory

Plenty of Big Brother houseguests have made a name for themselves by putting a proverbial foot in their mouth.

Big Brother Canada contestant Brittnee Blair, however, gamely inserts her entire fist in her mouth.

The curvaceous Calgary native displays her odd hidden talent while meeting with media in advance of the homegrown reality show's third season.

"Sure, why not?" Blair says when asked whether she'd perform the trick on the spot.

It's all about standing out, after all.

The 25-year-old plus-size model is among six reality show junkies Global has

announced for the series this year.

Others include Sarah Hanlon, 27, an aspiring comedy writer from Toronto; Zach Oleynik, 22, a varsity quarterback who's proud to be Regina's first houseguest; Calgary native Ashleigh Wood, 21; Bobby Hlad, 26, a rock climbing instructor from Oakville; and history student Jordan Parhar, 21, of Cloverdale, B.C., who has appointed himself Season 3's villain.

"Bring it on," says the slim, bespectacled, self-described nerd. "That's the beauty of Big Brother — everyone thinks they're the hero, but I am going into this game knowing I'm probably going to be the villain because I'm willing to do whatever it takes to win this game. I'm willing to lie, cheat and backstab out of my butt until I get to the end."

As resident jock, Oleynik ex-

pects to be an early target and says he plans to hide his physicality until later in the game, a 24/7 challenge in which houseguests compete in a series of mental, physical and social competitions.

He admitted it'll be hard to stop from getting "right into the action," noting he's competitive by nature. "I was the guy that wanted to be on the student council and just represent people," Oleynik says. "I think that naturally I was always a leader on my sports teams and within school."

As for whether he has any tricks up his sleeve, there's a strong likelihood he'll be removing his sleeves — along with his entire shirt. "I'm someone who will probably roll around with my shirt off a bit," he admits. "But that's just who I am."

Others say they plan a more subtle game. Hanlon notes she's "always been a weirdo" but can also come across as goofy and loud. Her strategy is to play down her age and get

At stake

- **Grand prize.** \$100,000
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- **Trip.** Worth \$10,000

The third season of Big Brother Canada premieres Monday on Global.

people laughing.

"I come off really sweet and innocent and kind of like I maybe don't care about a lot of things too much, but I (do) deep down and so I'll do anything to win," says Hanlon, who said she'll tackle each day in the house like an improv class.

More houseguests will be revealed Wednesday on ET Canada. This year, contenders will be housed in a newly renovated Big Brother Canada set outfitted with cameras and microphones to capture their every move. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

GOSSIP

Gabbana strikes back



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In a followup interview with Italy's Corriere della Sera, Stefano Gabbana is just plain shocked that

Elton John is boycotting Dolce and Gabbana after their outrageous comments about gay parents having "synthetic" children. "I mean, you preach understanding, tolerance and then you attack others?" the designer says. "It's an authoritarian way of seeing the world. Agree with me or, if you don't, I'll attack you. I even posted the word 'Fascist!' on his Instagram."

Banks makes shocking revelations in Playboy interview

In Azealia Banks' Playboy interview, the rapper reveals that when she was 17, she dated a 43-year-old who physically abused her. "He choked me and beat me up, and of course you should not be f-ing with a man who puts his hands on you, but I was stupid and young." She also says she hates everything about America and wants to leave the U.S. "I hate fat white Americans," she says. "All the people who are crunched into the middle of America..."

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From left: Sarah Hanlon, Jordan Parhar, Bobby Hlad, Zach Oleynik, Brittnee Blair, and Ashleigh Wood

Lorde sends cupcakes to X Factor bully victim

New Zealand. Music stars react to Kiwi talent show firings after bullying display

International music stars Lorde, Calvin Harris and Ellie Goulding have reacted to the New Zealand X Factor fiasco.

Following the firing of two judges, Natalia Kills and Willy Moon, on New Zealand's X Factor over abusive

comments made to contestant Joe Irvine during a live show, all three artists have added their two cents on the issue.

According to The Idolator, Harris took to Snapchat on Monday to criticize Kills and Moon, while Goulding expressed her sympathy for Irvine via Twitter, tweeting that she couldn't stop thinking about the incident because of "...how mean it was. Thank goodness they're gone."

Royals singer Lorde took a less conventional route and reportedly sent Irvine a box of cupcakes. A rep for Lorde has confirmed that the gift did come straight from the 18-year-old artist, according to Billboard.

Singers and former judges of New Zealand's X Factor show Kills and her husband, Moon, were sacked by broadcaster TV3 for bullying comments made to Irvine during Sunday night's live program.

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Lorde sent X Factor New Zealand contestant Joe Irvine cupcakes after he was bullied by judges on live television. GETTY IMAGES

SXSW. Eden Brolin's road to fame began with her Luke Skywalker haircut

Eden Brolin is storming SXSW with *I Dream Too Much*, a charming indie from first-time director Katie Cokinos about a recent college grad (Brolin) in upstate New York caring for an aunt instead of hitting Brazil with her friends.

We've given her our Breakthrough questionnaire. "I'm terrible at answering questions. I don't even know what I'm saying half the time," she warns. "So I wish you the best of luck."

Performance that inspired her to become an actress:

I wanted to be an actress when I was really young. I grew up watching some incredible films, but I also chose to watch the films that were happening at the time, and I was super into *Star Wars*. I loved *Star Wars* as a kid. I even cut my hair like Luke Skywalker when I was six years old. So when I was a young kid, *Star Wars: Episode I* was coming out, and I saw Natalie Portman as Queen Amidala, and I flipped. I was

like, "That's what I have to do with my life." That's the first thing that comes to mind, honestly.

Perk of fame she's most looking forward to taking advantage of:

Ewww. I don't know if I'm ever going to be famous, Ned. That's a little bit far-fetched for me. OK, I guess ... I don't know, I'm hoping for less fame and more work. I think a big part of being successful is being able to choose great people to work with and have opportunities come about that are much more interesting than having to just go with something to get your rent paid, you know?

The last thing she Googled:

Your name. I Googled you so that I could look at a couple of your articles, because I love *Metro New York*. A lot. I used to do the crosswords every day when I was in school. But I wanted to just, I don't know, learn a little bit about you before our interview (laughs).

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Eden Brolin in *I Dream Too Much*. CONTRIBUTED



No Place to Hide is a documentary film that traces Rehtaeh Parsons' case from the alleged sexual assault to her suicide and the media storm that followed. CONTRIBUTED

Women have strong presence at Hot Docs

Documentary. Lineup features films by prominent directors like Rama Rau

Documentaries about bullied teen Rehtaeh Parsons and former Newfoundland and Labrador premier Danny Williams are among the high-profile titles heading to a Hot Docs festival bolstered by a record number of female directors.

Hot Docs president Chris McDonald says 40 per cent of the directors this year are

Quoted

"Talent rises to the surface and there's nobody there to determine, based on gender or other issues, who gets past the goalposts."

Chris McDonald, Hot Docs president

women. That includes Rama Rau's *No Place to Hide*, about Parsons' heartbreaking case, and Kristina Goolsby and Ashley York's opening night film *Tig*, about comic Tig Notaro's defiant spirit and humour in the face of a cancer diagnosis.

Female filmmakers have

always been prominent at the festival, but McDonald says this year they seem particularly strong.

"Technology has allowed documentary to be much cheaper, faster and easier-to-make film and I think maybe because there are fewer gate-

keepers green-lighting films — gatekeepers who may be male in some cases, probably in most cases — it's a much more democratic process," McDonald mused.

Organizers announced a slate of 210 films from 45 countries Tuesday, many of them centred on comedy or music. That includes *Stay Awhile*, a portrait of the Canadian '70s pop group the Bells, who organizers said will reunite for a special performance 30 years after topping the charts.

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Lena Dunham to get 'sassy' on Scandal

Television. Guillermo Diaz spills on the actress's upcoming appearance

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Metro in NYC

In the world of *Scandal*, everyone is hiding something, but Guillermo Diaz's Huck seems to be particularly tortured about his past.

Last week's episode saw him finally begin to come forward about his activities in the secret government agency B613, and go on the record about what happened to him.

We caught up with Diaz about what all this means, how weird it is to know Huck's real name and what he could tell us about this week's very special guest star.

What can you say about Lena Dunham being on the show this week?

I worked with her a little bit on the episode and I can say



Catch Guillermo Diaz, Scott Foley, Joshua Malina and Lena Dunham on *Scandal* this Thursday. NICOLE WILDER/ABC

that she plays a character that we haven't really seen her do before. She's a very confident woman on the show, very different from her character on *Girls*. She's quite sassy and straightforward in the episode. **Have you guys all seen the**

SNL spoof Dunham did where she was on *Scandal*?

We were so thrilled. I'm a huge fan of *Saturday Night Live*, and you know what they say — once *Saturday Night Live* starts imitating you or whatever show you're on, that you've

made it.

Were you guys swapping gossip, like: "I'll trade you info on *Scandal* if you'll tell me what's coming up on *Girls*"? Not too much because she's a fan of the show, so we didn't

want to spoil it for each other. So we talked about how different our sets are. Lena was saying they'll write an episode and then her actors will usually not say a majority of the lines that she writes. They'll improv a lot, and just go off and say whatever they want. And, you know, it's completely different on our show. We have to be letter-perfect with our lines. It's fun to tell stories of how different our sets are.

Now that she's been on your show, will we see you pop up on *Girls* next season?

I would love that! I want to be Hannah's rebound guy now that she broke up with Adam. I want to be like the guy that she just screws just to kind of get over him, you know?

Does it feel like your character arc has been building to us learning Huck's real name?

When you see Huck on the street, he always looks like he's in emotional pain, and I think in keeping that secret, and not thinking that B613 screwed him up so badly that, a lot of the time he didn't know if him

having a wife and a child, was all in his head, if it was real, so he's been battling this for so long.



Technology

The Jenner sisters go digital

Glu Mobile is keeping up with the Kardashians.

The mobile video game developer responsible for the popular Kim Kardashian: Hollywood game announced plans Tuesday to develop a game starring Kardashian half-sisters Kendall and Kylie Jenner.

Glu says the game will feature the likenesses, voices and creative influences of the 19- and 17-year-old *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* co-stars and models. They previously appeared in the Kim Kardashian: Hollywood game.

Glu Mobile Inc. said the game is expected to launch later this year for Apple and Android devices.

The San Francisco-based company reported better-than-expected fourth-quarter profit results last month. It also announced plans to develop a game starring pop singer Katy Perry.

Kendall Jenner walked the runway earlier this year in shows at New York, London, Paris.

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Kylie and Kendall Jenner with sister Khloe (middle). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Orlando gets sophisticated

Florida. A city long associated with theme parks is experiencing a cultural boom thanks to the talented chefs and performers who call it home

Long derided as a cultural wasteland, Orlando's restaurant and performing arts scene has grown up in recent years, and it is starting to attract attention from American arbiters of taste.

Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando as one of the United States' top wine travel destinations, and The New York Times singled out the city's food scene when it placed the city at No. 13 on its list of 52 Places to Go in 2015.

The rankings barely mentioned what the city is best known for: theme parks.

"Orlando was very synonymous, and still is, with the Mouse, and Disney, and people didn't really look outside of Disney," said James Petrakis, owner of The Ravenous Pig in the tony Orlando suburb, Winter Park. "Now with some of these newer restaurants, people are looking at some of the smaller suburbs outside Disney for a true local culture."

Adding to the buzz about the cultural scene: a new \$500-million performing arts centre downtown, and an international hunt for a new symphony conductor that's attracted some well-known names.

"We've gotten some national validation for things that we already thought were cool, but we thought they were cool just because it was something different for us. But now we know it's cool here and it would be cool if it were in New York or San Francisco," said Kamrin Rife,



Wine Enthusiast magazine recently named Orlando one the top wine travel spots in the U.S. ISTOCK

who, with her husband John and others, opened the East End Market. It houses a collection of artisanal bakers, coffee brewers, sushi chefs and a Basque restaurant.

Orlando always had a strong theatre scene, thanks to the many actors who work at theme parks, and also several acclaimed annual festivals, such as the Bach Festival of Winter Park and a fringe theatre festival. But the construction of the Dr. Phillips Center, financed partially with taxes on tourists, gives the city a world-class venue for local performing arts groups and national touring acts.

The hunt for a new musical director has led to sold-out shows as each of five finalists performs. Audiences get to vote for their favourite in what locals are joking is the classical music equivalent of American Idol. The finalists include Eric Jacobsen, a member of Brooklyn Rider, one of the best known and most cutting-edge string quartets around, and Mexican-American conductor Alondra de la Parra.



The Dr. Phillips Center has given performers a world-class venue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"All the candidates see the cultural community as on the cusp of something great," said David Schillhammer, executive director of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

Orlando used to be known as the chain-restaurant capital, a place where corporate restaurant companies would try out new concepts on the regular flow of tourists, and where every chain seemed to have planted a flag along the tourist corridor.

There always have been top

chefs drawn to the kitchens at Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando and nearby resorts, but it has only been in the last decade that food entrepreneurs catering to locals have flourished, thanks to the low cost of setting up in Orlando, a vibrant food truck scene and the growth of local farms providing fresh meats and produce.

In the process, those gastronomical efforts have produced seven James Beard Best Chef of the South semi-finalists from central Florida in the

More accolades

- **Wise Bread.** A website dedicated to penny-pinchers, calls Orlando the top city for frugal foodies in the U.S.
- **Movoto.** A real estate blog, ranked Orlando America's No. 2 city for creative people.

past three years.

A decade ago, "the perception of Orlando was that there were a lot of chains and there weren't a lot of people taking risks, and there weren't a lot of restaurants trying to push the envelope or be different," Petrakis said.

"Now there is competition. There are a lot of young cooks who are getting good training. Now, they're pushing the envelope. There's getting to be so much competition now, that everyone is really trying to up their game. That's only going to generate better restaurants, service." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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How to avoid communication breakdowns in the workplace

Tips. Get your points across in the most effective way possible

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Broken telephone is a fun game to play — but not so much in the world of professionals.

Miscommunications can lead to mistakes and poorly produced work, as well as sour relationships and workplace environments. Moreover, it can become time-consuming and difficult to correct the error, especially if you didn't realize the other person misunderstood what you said in the first place.

The following tips are applicable to more than the workplace, so keep these in mind for the future.

Don't beat around the bush

This goes for both conversations and emails. Start with the subject you wish to discuss, then elaborate.

For example, "I want to talk to you about taking two weeks off for vacation next month" would be a good way to start, then follow with "I have accumulated this many vacation hours and I want to check with you that the team will be fine while I'm away."

In emails, make sure the subject line is clear and specific.

Do your research beforehand

Don't start a conversation without knowing all the details.

For example, if you want to discuss attending a conference, know when and where it is, how much would it cost, and who will be attending.

This allows you to keep work conversations efficient.

This also applies to emails: if there is too much back and forth in an email, you risk burying important information in the chain.

Summarize

End conversations with a quick summary. For example, say "So just to make sure we're on the same page, you're going to research this and I'm going to draft the report due next week." If the other person was unsure about something during the conversation or forgot, this is a great way to clarify everything.

Write a followup email

Miscommunications are less likely to happen in written communication, since everything is documented and people are usually able to reread any info they missed. Not only will you

Style matters

If appropriate, consider using bold or italics in emails.

- This will be most helpful if your email has multiple sections and you can emphasize the headings to clearly distinguish these sections.
- It can also be helpful to bold or italicize a few important things; for example, if an important report is due on a certain date, bold it.

have a record to refer to later, it's helpful to summarize important meetings and conversations. Just a few bullet points will do. Make sure to send the email to everyone that would have attended the meeting, so if a colleague missed it, they will be updated.



Co-worker didn't understand that emoji? Maybe you need to be a little clearer next time. ISTOCK

Make the very most of those meeting minutes

People can often feel like work meetings are a waste of time, with colleagues talking in circles and repeating the same facts as previous weeks. Here are some tips to maximize your meetings:

Develop a meeting agenda

If you are the one who has called for the meeting, make sure you lay out an agenda of what needs to be covered. This will give the attendees an opportunity to prepare ahead of time for the meeting, which will likely result in higher productivity.

Come prepared

Don't show up for a meeting empty-handed. Take a look at the agenda and find out what you are required to bring to the meeting. Bring any information that people may ask you to provide from your department. Also, bring along any questions for other attendees that you want answered.

Stay on task

Without an agenda or



There are plenty of ways to make sure your meetings actually feel productive. ISTOCK

a mediator, a meeting can spiral off task pretty quickly. Assign one person to be the moderator of the meeting — they will be responsible for watching the clock and ensuring the team follows the agenda. As each topic on the agenda is discussed and answered,

they will be responsible for checking it off the list.

Plan your next steps

What are the next steps that will need to take place after the meeting? End every meeting with an action plan.

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Don't be shellfish — share the shrimp

Recipe. Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce is a nice alternative to typical weeknight meal options



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Many people like to save shellfish like shrimp for special meals or occasions.

The cost might not be within your dinner budget and that's understandable. If you're an avid grocery shopper, be sure to keep your eyes on the prices of those frozen bags of shrimp.

They do get reduced and because they are frozen they are great to have on hand.

Thawing them in the refrigerator in their bag in a bowl overnight is one of the best ways to thaw them so that their texture isn't affected.

You can also choose from a variety of sizes — large, jumbo, colossal, medium, smaller and baby shrimp as well.

What you may want to look at is the number per pound on the bag to find out how many shrimp you will be getting.

I find the 21 to 25 count per pound is a great fit for families of four — everyone gets about six.

To make an impression, you can also go the other



This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

way and find the eight to 10 shrimp per pound bags, which give you two big shrimp per person.

In this Skillet Shrimp with Roasted Red Pepper Lemon Sauce dish, the sauce comes together easily and it is a per-

fect supper to serve over rice or pasta.

The shrimp is equally delicious served on its own as an

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Pinch hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced roasted red peppers
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) drained small capers
- 1 lb (454 g) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Pinch fresh ground black pepper
- 3 cups (750 ml) cooked brown or basmati rice

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appetizer with some crusty bread to sop up the sauce.

If you want to change things up, try using scallops instead of shrimp or use a combination of both.

Directions

1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat and cook garlic and chili flakes for 1 minute. Add roasted red peppers, parsley, lemon juice and capers, stir to coat and bring to boil.
2. Add shrimp and black pepper; toss to combine. Cook stirring 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm.
3. Spoon shrimp and sauce over rice to serve.

Health

More reasons to avoid excess salt

Even in the absence of high blood pressure, it's best to avoid excess salt for optimal heart, kidney, brain and vascular function, say researchers at the University of Delaware in the U.S. in a paper reviewing recent research and clinical data.

Excess salt can reduce functioning of the inner lining of the blood vessels, which plays a role in immunity and blood clotting.

It could hinder vasodilation — which is the widening of blood vessels — and impair the functioning of tiny veins, regardless of your blood pressure measurements, according to the researchers.

As far as the heart is concerned, salt could help you build up too much muscle in the wall of the heart's principal chamber, which leads to diminished pumping power.

Too much salt could even make you too sensitive, affecting sympathetic neurons in your brain and make you easily surprised at external stimuli. **AFP**

Caffeine

Energy drinks and blood pressure

Healthy young adults unconcerned by blood pressure should be aware that energy drinks could increase their risk of cardiac events, particularly if they are not used to caffeine, say researchers at the Mayo Clinic.

Lead author Anna Svatikova, M.D., Ph.D., cardiovascular diseases fellow at the Mayo Clinic says study participants informed the research team of their habitual caffeine consumption and those who consumed less than 160 mg per day — approximately one cup — were considered caffeine-naïve.

All participants who consumed an energy drink underwent a marked elevation in blood pressure compared to those who didn't, and the rise was more dramatic in caffeine-naïve participants. In fact, this group saw their blood pressure increase more than double the amount of the group that received placebo concoctions. **AFP**

A from-the-roots celebration of horseradish



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This recipe celebrates horseradish — not the sauce you find next to the roast beef at an all-you-can-eat buffet, but the actual root.

Technically, horseradish is a vegetable and has health benefits similar to its root vegetable cousins. But with its strong flavour, we typically use horseradish as a condiment.

In this recipe, a chimichurri sauce (with beet greens instead of herbs) gets spooned over roasted fish as it comes out of the oven. The heat will make the flavours in the sauce sing.

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with kitchen parchment.

2. Use 1 tablespoon of oil to

brush over both sides of fish fillets, then season with salt and pepper. Place tilapia on prepared baking sheet. Bake until tilapia is no longer translucent, about 10 minutes.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 lbs tilapia fillets
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 bunch beet greens, washed thoroughly and dried
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 shallot, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 to 2 tbsp grated fresh horseradish

3. Meanwhile, finely chop beet greens (you should have a little over 1 cup), and set aside.

4. In blender, place remaining 1 tbsp. of olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, shallot, Worcestershire sauce and horseradish. Blend until shallot is puréed, 10 seconds. Add beet greens to blender and pulse couple times, just to coat beet greens with vinaigrette. Add 2 tablespoons of water if mix is too dry. Pour chimichurri into a bowl and season with salt and pepper.

5. Once fish is cooked, place the fillets on serving plates, then spoon the chimichurri over the hot fish. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/MELISSA D'ARABIAN, AUTHOR OF THE COOKBOOK, SUPERMARKET HEALTHY**

Moose look to finish regular season strong

QMJHL. 12th-place Halifax has three games remaining before post-season



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Playoffs are just around the corner, but bench boss Dominique Ducharme and his Herd are focused on playing one game at a time with three remaining in the regular season.

The Halifax Mooseheads host the Moncton Wildcats tonight at the Scotiabank Centre, with puck drop at 7 p.m. They then travel to Moncton for a rematch Friday night, and come back to host the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday afternoon.

"We concentrate on ourselves," Ducharme said Tuesday evening. "Like we did all year, like we always do."

The Mooseheads don't know whom they'll face off against in the first round, although it has been confirmed they won't have home-ice advantage to start.

"We're trying to take care of the three games first, because there's still room for movement in the standings," rookie forward Brett Crossley said after practice Tuesday at the Scotiabank Centre.

"But if you look at it, it's Val-d'Or, Shawinigan, Baie Comeau ..." he said of possible competition.

The Mooseheads are currently 12th overall in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey



Halifax Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme runs some drills during practice earlier this season at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

League, fourth in the Maritimes Division. They could finish as high as ninth. If they were to start the post-season today, they'd be taking on the fifth-place Shawinigan Cataractes in the opening round.

But the home-and-home series against Moncton comes first for the Moose.

Halifax is 2-3-2 against the division rivals this season, with the Mooseheads falling to the Wildcats 3-2 in overtime the last time the two teams met, which was Feb. 17 at the Moncton Coliseum.

"We know what to ex-

On the mend

Defenceman Austyn Hardie and forward Philippe Gaudry, who both sustained recent upper-body injuries, are still recovering, but head coach Dominique Ducharme said, "We're confident that both are going to be ready for the start of the playoffs."

pect," Crossley said. "It's just a matter of executing what we have as a game plan."

Captain Ryan Falkenham agreed the Herd is less concerned about standings than about finishing "off these last few games, like we can."

"We just want to build on the game in Saint John," the fourth-year forward said Tuesday of a 7-4 win over the Sea Dogs this past weekend. "We were skating well, we were on top of the puck."

Coach Ducharme concurred "energy" and "using our speed" will be key when his team hits the ice tonight.

"We just want to be as good as we can be."

CIS curling

Huskies, Tigers head to national championships

Both the Saint Mary's Huskies and the Dalhousie Tigers men's curling teams kick off national championship play today in Waterloo, Ont.

The female Huskies also made the cut for the CIS-CCA Curling Championships, running through Saturday at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Marc Gordon skips Dal's team, while Cameron MacKenzie and Sara Spafford head up the SMU squads.

Albert, Toronto, UNB, Western, Wilfrid Laurier and Winnipeg compete on the men's side, while Alberta, Brock, Guelph, Thompson Rivers, UPEI and Wilfrid Laurier make up the women's draw.

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CIS track and field

Dalhousie wins four medals

The Dalhousie Tigers claimed four medals at the CIS track and field championships, held over the weekend in Windsor, Ont.

Jordan Bruce snagged silver in the men's triple jump at 14.91 metres, Chas Smith earned bronze in the same event at 14.85 metres, Devin Errington got bronze in men's high jump at 2.07 metres and Rebecca Haworth won silver in women's high jump at 1.79 metres.

The Tigers placed 12th overall on both the men's and women's sides at nationals, which were hosted at the University of Windsor. METRO



Mooseheads forward Brett Crossley of Cole Harbour JEFF HARPER/METRO

Crossley back to normal self after hit from behind

There are plenty of inspiring quotes about getting back up after you fall.

In hockey, they can apply both metaphorically and literally. Such is the case with rookie Halifax Mooseheads forward Brett Crossley, 17, who was taken off the ice on a stretcher after sustaining a nasty hit during a March 4 home game against the Acadie-Bathurst Titan.

But the five-foot-10,

153-pound Cole Harbour kid is back, and excited to both cap his first QMJHL regular season this weekend and get his first taste of the playoffs at the major junior level.

"I'm just happy that it wasn't anything too serious," Crossley said Tuesday of being pushed into the boards from behind.

He spent about 10 minutes on the ice, lying motionless.

"I didn't really know what

to think," he said. "There was a lot of pain in a lot of different places in my body, so you just want to play it safe."

Crossley suffered a lower-body injury and was scratched for a couple of games. But he was dressed again by last Friday and is cleared to play moving forward.

Looking forward is exactly what Crossley is doing.

"I feel good," he said.

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO

Over the Moon. CFL fetes its new commissioner

The league that blazed the trail for black quarterbacks in pro football now has its first black commissioner.

Longtime sports executive Jeffrey Orridge will take over the CFL's top job next month. He succeeds Mark Cohon, who stepped down in January after eight years on the job.

Orridge leaves his position as executive director of sports and general manager of Olympics at CBC to take the CFL helm, becoming the first black commissioner in major North American sports.

"I'm fully cognizant of that and fully embrace it," Orridge said Tuesday in Toronto. "I'm very proud of where I've come from, my background, my heritage. 'I don't think of myself as a black sports executive, I don't consider myself the black commissioner. I consider myself the 13th commissioner of the CFL with an obligation and responsibility to carry on and build on my 12 predecessors and all their work.'"



Jeffrey Orridge THE CANADIAN PRESS

Growing up, the 54-year-old New York native remembers his father praising the CFL for allowing Warren Moon to play QB when no NFL team would.

"My father and I when I was growing up were watching a CFL game and he said to me, 'This is why I love Canada, Jeffrey,'" Orridge said. "I didn't quite understand and he pointed to Warren Moon and said, 'If you're qualified, if you're capable, if you deserve it you will get an opportunity in Canada and Canada is truly the land of opportunity.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

Curling worlds

Two more wins for Jones keeps her in first place

Canada's Jennifer Jones picked up two more victories Tuesday to remain tied in first place at the women's world curling championship. The Winnipeg skip crushed Aileen Sormunen of the United States 10-2 in the early draw before topping Denmark's Lene Neilsen 8-7 at the Tsukisamu Gymnasium. Jones hit a draw to the four-foot with her final throw in the 10th end to improve to 6-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Schneider shutdown gives Devils faint hope of playoffs

Cory Schneider made 35 saves in earning his fifth shutout of the season, and the New Jersey Devils beat Pittsburgh 2-0 on Tuesday night, sending the Penguins to their third straight loss. Jacob Josefson scored in the second period for the Devils, who are 9-3-2 in their last 14 games to keep their faint playoff hopes alive. Adam Henrique iced the game with an empty-net goal with 49 seconds to go. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson upends the Hurricanes' Chris Terry during the first period on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C. KARL B. DEBLAKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senators dodge a disaster in Carolina

NHL. 'Hamburglar' strikes again as Ottawa overcomes lowly 'Canes to stay in thick of race for playoff spot

Mark Stone scored the winning goal 4:46 into overtime, and Andrew Hammond became the second goalie in NHL history to allow two goals or fewer in each of his first 12 starts as the Ottawa Senators beat the Carolina Hurricanes 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Hammond (11-0-1) matched the record set by

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Hurricanes

- Ottawa hosts Boston on Thursday night in the critical opener of a four-game homestand. The Sens, with game in hand, trail the Bruins by four points in the race for the East's final wild-card spot.

Boston's Frank Brimsek, who also went 12 consecu-

tive games in 1938 without giving up more than two goals.

Hammond made 35 saves to outdo Carolina's Anton Khudobin, who stopped 31 shots but lost for the first time in six career appearances against Ottawa.

Elias Lindholm gave Carolina a 1-0 lead in the first period with his 15th goal. Patrick Wiercioch tied it in the second for Ottawa with his second.

The Senators are 12-1-1 since a 6-3 home loss to the Hurricanes on Feb. 16. Carolina also beat Ottawa 3-2 on Jan. 17.

The Hurricanes led 1-0 after the first period despite

being outshot 10-7.

Lindholm scored on a rush at 12:59 of the first, beating Hammond over the left shoulder with a drive from the top of the right circle. A cross-ice pass gave Jeff Skinner his 100th career assist.

The Senators outshot Carolina 16-6 in the second period and got even.

Wiercioch made it 1-1 with a power-play goal at 13:22, firing a one-timer past Khudobin from the top of the right circle. It came on the 37th assist of the season from Erik Karlsson, the NHL's top-scoring defenceman with 55 points.

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2015 Dodge Durango

- **Type.** Five-door, AWD, midsize SUV
- **Engine.** 3.6-litre V6 (290-295), 5.7-litre V8 (360)
- **Transmissions.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Base/as-tested price (incl. destination).** \$44,295/\$60,580

Market Position

- Positioned at the more off-road capable end of the midsize SUV spectrum.
- As a brand, Dodge is trying to become performance oriented, and more desired by younger buyers.
- One of the few midsize SUVs available with a big V8 for even more towing and hooligan possibilities. Also so far the only vehicle endorsed by Ron Burgundy.

Notable Features

- Optional HEMI V8 features FuelSaver MDS, which deactivates 4 cylinders when full power not required.
- Standard third-row seats. Second row can be optioned with heated seats.
- Available with Chrysler's biggest and brightest 8.4-inch touch-screen display.
- New modern-looking front with LED daytime running lights.



A heated steering wheel and top end tech is offered up front.

Points

- Current generation debuted in 2011, on the new Jeep Grand Cherokee platform, with a major mid-cycle update completed for model-year 2014.
- Heavy speculation that Chrysler will discontinue Durango after 2015 model year, even though recent and attractive update a hit with lots of buyers, particularly in the U.S.

Durango is a soulful performer

Review. Big HEMI V8 makes this Dodge a smooth, enjoyable ride

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Dodge brand is earmarked to concentrate in the future on cars and crossovers with an edge, leaving the serious SUV thing to Jeep.

With the Durango being the Dodge version of the Jeep Grand Cherokee, it looks like Durango might be the odd man out in a future Dodge product plan shakeout. So the Durango could possibly disappear from the lineup in a year or two. All the more reason to experience Durango while we can, and if you're going to do that, you might as well do it with a HEMI V8 aboard; a transformative power plant if there ever was one.

The HEMI's 360 hp and 390



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lb-ft of torque basically turn anything into a supremely effortless and smooth cruiser on the highway, and supremely entertaining urban assault vehicle.

As with Durango's other power plant (the 3.6-litre V6), the HEMI is hooked up to Chrysler's new eight-speed automatic transmission. With all those gears and the HEMI's FuelSaver MDS system —

which deactivates four cylinders when full power is not required — a modicum of fuel efficiency is delivered from the big V8. Transport Canada rates it at 17.3 L/100 km City, and 11.5 L/100 km Highway.

The HEMI is the exclusive engine for Durango R/T (our test vehicle), which sits atop of the Durango range. R/T models just sneak in under \$50,000 (excluding destination charge),

but our tester also had all the fancy safety systems, a rear DVD system with two screens, rear captain chairs, tow package, leather, and Chrysler's top-shelf Uconnect infotainment system, with the big 8.4-inch touch screen, to ring in at an impressive \$60,680 (including destination).

That's a big ticket, but this Durango R/T is not wanting for anything, and offers a true

luxury experience — in a brand not normally associated with luxury.

Steering feels a bit too over-assisted for our tastes, and while the Durango goes where it's pointed eagerly, it does so with a slight bit of body roll. Competitors seem to have a bit more body control.

Durango's third row is pretty much like all third rows; great for kids and temporary travelling, and that's about it.

But up front, in the driver's perch, and in the two great captain chairs in the second row, life is good. Lots of soulful power. A very high-end feel, with leather and top-end tech, like adaptive cruise control and heated steering wheel. An infotainment system that you can actually figure out. A commanding view of road. And knowing you're driving a very handsome truck, resplendent with 192 LEDs in the taillights and projector headlamps and LED daytime running headlamps at the other end. A cool, big fast red thing.

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Carmakers want to clean up diesel's image

United Kingdom.

Campaign hopes to clear up misconceptions about diesel's green credentials

They're more expensive to buy, but the new diesel-engine cars are cheaper to run, offer better fuel efficiency than gas-run or even many hybrid cars, and, thanks to a number of

upgrades, have also become less sluggish, quieter and kinder to the environment.

Yet despite ongoing popularity in the region (55 per cent of new cars sold in Europe are diesels) they're still perceived by many motorists as adding to rather than reducing pollution.

So much so that the U.K.'s Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) has launched a U.K.-wide cam-

paigned, backed by Ford, BMW, Jaguar and Volkswagen, to dispel misconceptions and underline the role that cleaner diesel engines have in hitting future clean-air targets.

"Diesel cars produce, on average, 20 per cent less CO₂ than equivalent petrol cars and so have a vital role to play in helping to arrest climate change," said Graeme Grieve, CEO of BMW Group UK.

There is no debating that a

well-maintained and serviced diesel engine burns less fuel than a gas engine with the same displacement.

But there is also no debating that diesel engines release more potentially harmful nitrogen oxides (NOx). To counteract this, the latest diesel cars have special particulate filters but usually take up to five kilometres of travel to start working at an optimum level. **AFP**



Many motorists perceive diesel engines as bad for the environment. AFT

Technology. Opel's got a bright idea for headlights

A host of modern premium cars already sport adaptive headlamps that can track and move in sync with steering wheel movements. Opel's concept is focused on the driver instead.

The idea is simple: a headlamp that focuses its beam on what the driver is focused on. The concept is not far away from becoming a reality, even if getting there is complex.

"We've been pursuing this concept of controlling the direction and intensity of light based on where the driver is looking for around two years. The more we understand the benefits of this technology, the more intensively we push ahead with our joint project," says Ingolf Schneider, Director of Lighting Technology at Opel.

Faithfully tracking movements across all axes normally requires multiple sensors or cameras in order to measure depth as well as direction.

However, Opel is developing a system that uses a single camera, meaning that it would be cheap enough to introduce across the company's entire vehicle range.

The camera is equipped with an infrared sensor and tracks movement around the nose and eyes 50 times a second, and this information is used to move the motorized headlamps.

However, our eyes are con-

stantly flitting around and refocusing on the things we see, whether walking down the road or driving along it at night. Transferring this constant movement to the headlights could be like a strobe light at a nightclub.

"To overcome this problem, we have successfully developed a sophisticated delay algorithm which ensures a suitably flowing movement for the light cone," says Schneider.

"Another major benefit is that the eye-tracker doesn't have to be individually calibrated for a particular driver. The system works perfectly with anyone behind the wheel, no matter what their size."

To ensure safety, a separate beam of light continues to shine in the car's direction of travel, regardless of where the driver is looking.

The Citroën DS, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, was the first car ever to feature dynamic headlights that moved with the steering wheel in order to illuminate the corners and the bends.

While other companies have since taken the concept and modernized it with motors and sensors — Citroën's system used rods attached to the steering wheel at one end and the lights at the other — that's about as far as headlight technology moved in the 20th century. **AFP**

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Eye-tracking technology from Opel illuminates what the driver is looking at, as well as the road ahead. OPEL/AFP

Italian automaker Alfa Romeo returns

Driving Force. Owned by Fiat, the company plans hopes to diversify the upscale market

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Bringing an auto brand to a new market is always tricky, but there can be even more involved when that brand is being reintroduced to a market where it was once sold but was eventually discontinued.

That's the case with Italian automaker Alfa Romeo, which is returning to Canada after a 20-year absence.

"I believe there are a lot of consumers looking for alternatives to BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz," says Reid Bigland, president and CEO of Alfa Romeo North America. "I am confident we will get a good chunk of that market."

Alfa Romeo is owned by Fiat, which has also returned



Alfa Romeo aims to be an exclusive, upscale brand. JIL MCINTOSH

to the Canadian marketplace through its purchase of Chrysler.

One of the most important

considerations is knowing where to place the brand in the marketplace. Alfa Romeo currently sells some small,

inexpensive models in global markets, but the company will now focus on upscale cars in only rear- or all-wheel

Regeneration

Alfa Romeo is undergoing a \$6-billion transformation, and will now focus strictly on larger premium vehicles in all of its global markets.

- While the 4C models include high-tech aluminum subframes and carbon-fibre bodies, the upcoming sports sedan will feature more conventional construction.

drive, starting with the 4C sports coupe and convertible, and then an upcoming sports sedan.

The cars will share no platforms or engines with any Fiat or Chrysler vehicles. That will make them pricier to engineer and build, but it will also allow the automaker to maintain their exclusivity, which can be a vital consideration at this level.

Mainstream-model customers will buy a car that shares components with a pricier brand, but premium

brands can suffer if they're too closely associated with lower-priced vehicles.

Determining how the car will be sold is one of the toughest aspects of introducing a brand. It's far more cost-effective to sell it through existing dealerships than to build new ones, especially for a low-volume brand, but the car's exclusivity has to be maintained. To that end, Alfa Romeo won't be sold in Chrysler dealerships, but through Italian-brand stores that already carry Fiat or Maserati, a marque that Fiat also owns. In some areas, Alfa Romeo might also be sold by itself.

Understanding the customer and the segment is also important. Bigland says that while some premium automakers also offer smaller, lower-priced entry models, long-term plans for the brand are focused on keeping the Alfa Romeo line strictly aimed at upper-range buyers. "We don't have to take our premium position and try to stretch it to be all things to all people," he says.

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GM aims to spark EV sales in Maryland

General Motors will sell its 2015 Chevrolet Spark EV in Maryland this spring, making it the first East Coast state to offer the electric minicar. Maryland will be only the third state in which GM has sold the vehicle, the other two being California and Oregon where, collectively, 1,145 units were sold last year. The Spark EV has a connection to Maryland, reports alternative vehicle website, Green Car Reports. Both its electric motor and drivetrain are manufactured at a GM plant in White Marsh, Md. For 2015, the Spark EV has a claimed maximum range of 82 miles (130 kilometres) per charge and is powered by a lithium-ion battery pack with cells from GM's longtime battery supplier, LG Chem.

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The Spark EV will finally be sold on the East Coast. The vehicle has a claimed electric range of about 130 kilometres between charges.

Compressed-air car might launch in Hawaii

Indian automaker Tata has reportedly joined with Luxembourg-based Motor Development International to put a compressed-air car on sale in Hawaii before the end of this year, through franchisee Zero Pollution Motors.

The tiny AirPod, said to seat three adults and one child, has a top speed

of about 80 km/h, while its on-board tanks will hold enough compressed air to give it a range in excess of 190 zero-emission kilometres. Tata tested prototype compressed air-powered cars in 2012, but has said little about them since. Several other companies have experimented with compressed-air cars in recent years but they, too, have gone quiet on the prospect. Refilling the tanks will require special compressed-air stations.

Lawsuit suggests Apple will go hard-core into EVs

Fashionable computer maker Apple is fast-building its industrial lithium-ion battery capabilities, reports the Reuters news service, adding to evidence that the iPhone/iPad/iMac maker might be developing its own car. Apple is building its own battery division, claims a lawsuit filed against it by battery maker A123, which says the Silicon Valley-based firm "poached" five of its top battery engineers last year. All told, the five engineers from A123 have filed for 23 new patents, says an analysis by Thomson Reuters, three times what Apple has on its own. The former A123 employees hired by Apple have expertise primarily in battery cell design, materials and development and manufacturing engineering, says the analysis. Apple did not comment on the matter.



Apple's recent expansion of its battery capabilities is seen as an intention to produce electric cars. The company currently sells cellphones, tablets and personal computers.

Jaguar might be planning its first electric tall wagon



Jaguar's new tall wagon, called the F-Pace (based on this concept vehicle), could spawn the company's first fully electric vehicle. That's not likely until 2018, however.

The upcoming F-Pace could also be the luxury automaker's first electric vehicle. The new tall wagon is expected to launch in 2016, but the internal-combustion models could be followed in 2018 by an all-electric version, says British auto magazine Autocar. This version would reportedly have a range of nearly 500 kilometres per charge, giving Jaguar a competitor to the new Tesla Model X, due to go on sale this year. American vehicle Web site MotorAuthority adds that in addition to luring away Tesla buyers, the electric F-Pace could help Jaguar compete in California and other states that have adopted a zero-emission-vehicle mandate. So far, eight U.S. states plan to put 3.3 million electric cars on the road by 2025.

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U.S. federal budget addresses electric, alternate-fuel vehicles

The recent budget from the White House contains measures to encourage the adoption of electric and alternative-fuel vehicles in the U.S., reports The Detroit News. It would see the federal tax credit for electric cars raised to \$10,000 US per vehicle from the current \$7,500, and expand the credit to other types of alternate-fuel vehicles. Plug-in hybrids, for example, currently qualify for a smaller \$2,500 rebate. The budget would also convert the tax credit to a purchase rebate that could be applied directly to the buyer's bottom line at the time of purchase instead of waiting until tax time to claim the rebate. It remains to be seen whether the Republican-controlled Congress will get on board.

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Instead of a tax credit for buying an electric car, Americans could be entitled to a purchase rebate available when they get the car. No waiting for the money. This might encourage more electric-car sales.

Shift points

- The Cal State L.A. Hydrogen and Fueling Facility is the first station in that state to sell hydrogen. Until now, hydrogen was provided free to fuel-cell vehicle owners because of the lack of an accurate metering system.
- Toyota has opened its thousands of hydrogen-related patents to advance fuel-cell technology, allowing rival companies to use its research royalty-free. Toyota, the auto industry's primary proponent of hydrogen, believes that sharing technology can boost interest in fuel cells, helping hydrogen become a viable alternative to fossil fuels.
- Volkswagen has called on American legislators to do more to encourage electric vehicle sales and electric-vehicle infrastructure development. The automaker announced it would invest \$10 million US in EV infrastructure in the U.S. by 2016.

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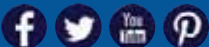
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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Today's Mercury-Neptune link means that trust is something you can give but there is no guarantee it will be repaid.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets make it easy to confront the negative aspects of your personality now, so face them and overcome them.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If your instincts tell you that what you are being asked to go along with is not a good idea then make your excuses and don't get involved. It may make you unpopular but better to be unpopular than be broke.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Decide what your number one priority is going to be and stick to it. The planets warn you could easily find yourself talked into doing things today that don't do you any favours at all.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone will annoy you today by saying something that isn't true. According to the planets they are trying to get you to overreact so they can use your words and actions against you.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With Mercury, your ruler, overshadowed by Neptune today be careful when dealing with others, especially if they flatter you because that means they are after something.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Tread carefully when dealing with partners over the next 24 hours because even little things may set them off. The last thing you need now is to spend time trying to calm them down.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The only danger today is that in your desire to prove that you are original in your thinking you will come up with ideas that won't work. Stay practical.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

By all means do something dramatic today, but make sure it isn't something that is going to damage your reputation. Know where the line is and be smart enough to stay this side of it.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may not be in the mood to compromise but you are going to have to, especially on the home front where loved ones can dig in their heels just as effectively as you.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If there is something you don't want the world to know about, don't let even your best friend in on the secret. Once you tell one person it won't be long before everyone knows.

♓ Pisces

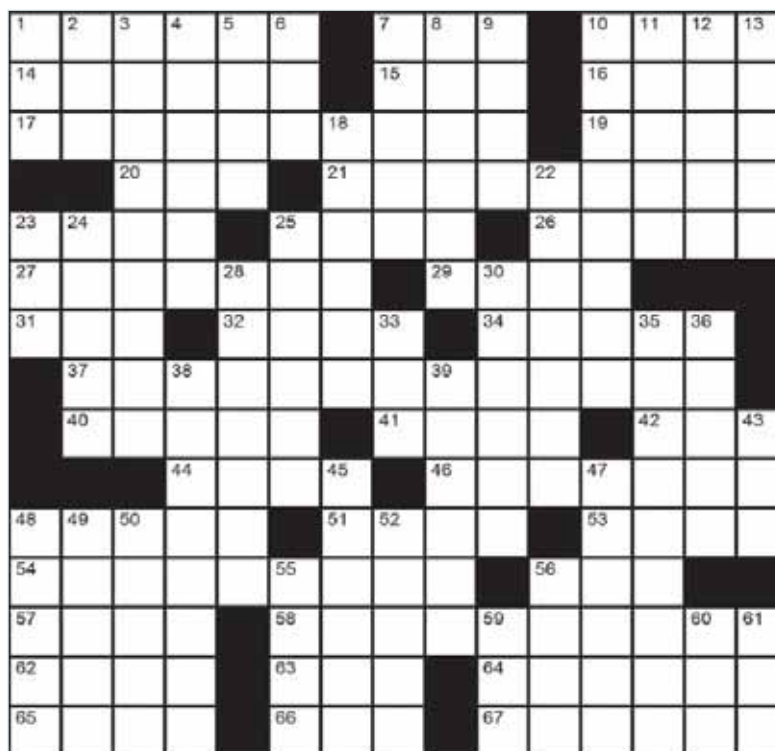
Feb. 20 - March 20

Mercury linked to Neptune in your sign means there is no telling how a gamble will work out. Why risk it?

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Soldier's ID: 2 wds.
7. Scand. land
10. Advanced math course, briefly
14. 1588 Spanish fleet
15. Biblical liquid measure
16. Racetrack shape
17. "The ____" by Stompin' Tom Connors
19. ____ War (Legendary race-horse)
20. Red Chamber fig.
21. Fossil which is Alberta's official stone, ____ wood
23. "____ sure you know..."
25. ____ Rebellion (Early-1840s insurrection in Rhode Island)
26. Common ailments
27. Look upon with contempt: 2 wds.
29. Flanders river
31. Vertical opp.
32. Soon, to Shakespeare
34. ____ if everything is okay
37. "One Tin Soldier" by Canadian group The ____
40. Aunt: French
41. Amphibians/rep-tiles sci.
42. Harem room
44. Herb type
46. WKRP employee
- Les ____
48. Trojan War site,



- poetically
51. Two peas in ____
 53. Hue
 54. Air Canada customer
 56. Ms. Taylor, for short
 57. Card game
 58. Hamilton-born

- star of CBC's "Schitt's Creek": 2 wds.
62. Mr. Epps
 63. Beethoven's "Minuet ____"
 64. Menu meal
 65. US ____ of State
 66. Bon Jovi's "____ Your Hands on Me"

67. Does better than F
- #### Down
1. Morse Code bit
 2. ____Medonte (Ontario township)
 3. 2015 ____ 1500 pickup truck
 4. "I want to go, too!": 2 wds.

5. Toronto-born actor Mr. Young
6. Marcia Harden link
7. Horse footwear fitter, say
8. Like pre-Spring weather
9. Tech sch. grad
10. Says "There, there

- now."
11. Help
 12. Divided as high-ways
 13. Lummocks
 18. Really right: 2 wds.
 22. AHL team in St. John's, Newfoundland
 23. Cigar stuff
 24. Snob
 25. Son/co-star of #58-Across
 28. Scott Joplin music style
 30. Hallowed
 33. Nope
 35. Some perfume bottles
 36. Type of car
 38. Manufacturing
 39. Edgar Allan Poe poem
 43. Sandy hill constructor
 45. "____ Beach: The Real Orange County"
 47. Big top props
 48. Polls/surveys conductor, ____ Reid
 49. "Flower Duet" opera by Leo Delibes
 50. Hanson member
 52. Singer Ms. Lee
 55. Playwright Mr. Simon
 56. Ms. Horne
 59. Himalayas land [abbr.]
 60. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
 61. Go-ahead response

Yesterday's Crossword



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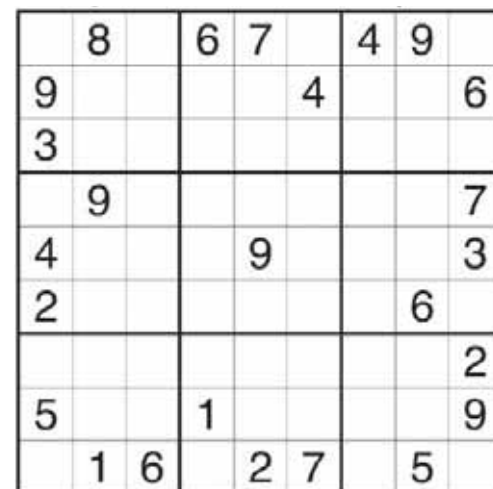
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